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FLOOD DUE TO LOWER SUBANSARI HYDRO POWER PROJECT
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Lower Subansiri Hydro Power Project continues to pose a serious flood threat to the people of Dhanaji Lakhimpur and Majauli districts of Assam;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the preventive measures taken by the Government in this regard; and

(d) the funds provided to control the flood in these areas?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a) to (d) : Lower Subansiri Power Project (8x250=2000 MW) is under implementation in the Central Sector by NHPC Ltd. in the Lower Subansiri/Dhemaji districts of Arunachal Pradesh/Assam. The project is a run of the river scheme and has been conceptualized to have a dam of height 116 m above river bed with a spillway to handle a design flood of 35,500 cumecs. The reservoir of Subansiri Lower Hydroelectric Project has been provided with a storage capacity of 720 m cum at Minimum Draw Down Level (EL 181 m) and 1365 m cum at Full Reservoir Level (EL 205 M). The reservoir operation has been planned between these two levels to take care of the reservoir regulation for flood moderation requirement to some extent of the region. As such, it does not provide any serious flood threat to the people downstream of the project.